

THE GREEN FAIR RATIONALE

The purpose of the Green Fair is to educate our workforce, business associates and citizens of Akron and to encourage the use of green products for our daily use in the workplace.

Local companies are encouraged to send their purchasing, facilities and equipment maintenance personnel to view, test and sample new green products from area vendors. The green product lines available that day are examples of local products that are offered to companies who are seeking to switch to greener, safer, less hazardous products and products that are recycled or recyclable.

The Green Fair is an event that was developed from the Greenprint for Akron mission to pursue environmentally sound practices and reduce the greenhouse emissions within our community. We see the Green Fair as being a great opportunity for buyers and facilities and equipment maintenance personnel to network with local green product suppliers.

The Green Fair can accommodate up to 20 vendors in outdoor or covered space. The event will be held rain or shine. The City of Akron will provide up to two tables for each vendor to display their environmentally friendly products or services.

There will be numerous vendors participating from hybrid trucks and cars to cleaning and printing products, cell phones, batteries, computers and electronic recyclers to solar technology. Vendors will display a variety of environmentally safe products available on the market and demonstrate how to use them. E.g., last year Glidden Professional Paints demonstrated their graffiti removal which was a big hit.

Some of the environmentally friendly products we are currently using in the Fire Department are degreasers (Zep, Aqua Soy), car wash (Zep Z-ZMaxx Shampoo), antibacterial foaming hand wash (Zep), heavy-duty hand cleaner (Zep Shell Shock), Kimberly-Clark Professional Scott 05102 1-ply bath tissue, Kimberly-Clark Professional Scott 04142 brown roll towels – 100% recovered materials made from recycled cardboard with no chlorine or bleach in the finished products.

At the HK Stubbs building, green custodial cleaning products are being used and our Building Maintenance Department is currently using State Industrial's dispensing and mixing system of green products to clean the building.

The City's Public Works Department uses a green certified product to clean asphalt off paving equipment and the Purchasing Division has worked with all departments to revise our equipment specifications to include hybrid and other more energy efficient and eco-friendly vehicles.